

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 OSLO 02851 092017Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10 L-03
NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 ICA-11 ACDA-12
IO-13 EB-08 NRC-05 OES-07 SOE-02 DOE-15 CEQ-01
OMB-01 /130 W
-----010131 101504Z /45

R 091110Z JUN 78
FM AMEMBASSY OSLO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5975
INFO SECDEF WASHDC
OJCS WASHDC
OCNO WASHDC
CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON UK
USMISSION USNATO
USNMR SHAPE BRUSSELS
USEUCOM VAIHINGEN GE

C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 2851

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: MILI, PINT, MNVC, MMOL, MOPS, NO
SUBJ: ALLEGED US VIOLATIONS OF NORWAY'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS BAN

1. "DAGBLADET" AN INDEPENDENT LEFT OF CENTER OSLO DAILY, RECENTLY PRINTED EXCERPTS FROM A BOOK ENTITLED "NORWAY IN THE NUCLEAR STRATEGY" THAT LINKED REAR ADMIRAL LAROQUE'S (USN, RET) 1974 TESTIMONY BEFORE THE US SENATE (TO THE EFFECT THAT AMERICAN NAVAL VESSELS DO NOT UNLOAD THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHEN VISITING FOREIGN PORTS) TO A NOVEMBER 1977 VISIT OF THE USS SPRUANCE (WHICH EMBARKED A GROUP OF PARLIAMENTARIANS AND PRESS REPS ON A SHORT FJORD CRUISE). "DAGBLADET" NOTED THAT THE SPRUANCE HAD AN ANTI-SUB ASROC MISSILE MOUNTED CLEARLY VISIBLE ON ITS FORE DECK, WHICH THEY SAID, INCLUDES SOME NUCLEAR WARHEADS IN ITS AMMUNITION STORE.

2. IN THE FOLLOWING RATHER TORTURED DISCUSSION, "DAGBLADET"
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 OSLO 02851 092017Z

GAVE IN THE 1975 OCEAN SAFARI VISIT OF SIX US NAVAL SHIPS WITH NUCLEAR CAPACITY TO NORWEGIAN PORTS AND THE STATEMENT BY GON OFFICIAL AT THE TIME THAT IT WAS A PRECONDITION THAT FOREIGN VESSELS NOT BRING NUCLEAR WEAPONS DURING THEIR STAY IN NORWEGIAN TERRITORY.

3. THE ACCOMPANYING "DAGBLADET" ANALYSIS STROVE TO MAKE

THE POINT THAT SUCH USE OF NORWEGIAN WATERS AND FACILITIES BY USN SHIPS WHICH COULD BE CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, COMBINED WITH THE US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN PLACE (E.G. LORAN C OMEGA) REPRESENTED A WHITTLED AWAY OF NORWAY'S BASIC SECURITY POLICIES-- THE BAN ON STATIONING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND FOREIGN TROOPS DURING PEACETIME. AT THE SAME TIME HOWEVER, THE AUTHORS WITH SOME PERVERSE PRIDE, CONCLUDED THAT ALL THIS MEANS THAT NORWAY HAS BECOME MORE IMPORTANT IN THE STRATEGIC EQUATION.

4. COMMENT: THE FACT THAT THE BOOK'S "REVELATIONS" LED TO NO OTHER MEDIA TREATMENT, POPULAR OUTCRY OF POLITICAL COMMENT IS A MEASURE OF HOW FAR NORWAY HAS COME IN THE PAST FEW YEARS SINCE THE NEAR RIOTS THAT OCCURED AT THE TIME OF THE NPW CALIFORNIA VISIT IN 1975. THE INTERVENING FOUR AND HALF YEARS HAVE SEEN AN INCREASED NUMBER OF VERY SUCCESSFUL SHIP VISITS AND A GROWING POLITICAL AND POPULAR CONSENSUS FAVORING A STRENGTHENED RELATIONSHIP TO NATO AND ITS PRICIPAL ALLIES PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATES.

5. ONE FACTOR PERHAPS INFLUENCING THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE NATO POSITION IS AN ATTEMPT TO RECOUP FROM THEIR IMAGE LOSS IN THE WAKE OF THE JANUARY FRG TROOP LIMITATION DECISION. IN ADDITION, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT PULBIC SUPPORT FOR NATO REMAINS VERY HIGH HERE. HENRY VALEN, NORWAY'S PREMIER POLLSTER RECENTLY SURVEYED LOCAL PUBLIC CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 OSLO 02851 092017Z

OPINION WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULT: 89 PERCENT OF THOSE ASKED WHETHER NORWAY SHOULD LEAVE NATO SAID NO WHILE 11 PERCENT SAID YES. THIS CONTRASTS RATHER DRAMATICALLY WITH THE RESPONSE TO THE SAME QUESTION IN 1965 WHEN 75 PERCENT SAID YES AND 25 PERCENT SAID NO. NORWAY'S CURRENT MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS ITS ALLIANCE RESPONSIBILITIES HELP EXPLAIN THE DULL THUD WHICH GREETED THE "DAGBLADET" EXPOSE-REVIEW. LERNER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NUCLEAR WEAPONS, ALLEGATIONS, US CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 09 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978OSLO02851
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780243-0585
Format: TEL
From: OSLO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780676/aaaacnno.tel
Line Count: 102
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 9fd5428c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 feb 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2416272
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ALLEGED US VIOLATIONS OF NORWAY'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS BAN
TAGS: MILI, PINT, MNUC, MMOL, MOPS, NO, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/9fd5428c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014